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on the subject would be best. In the meantime sends copy of proposed bill to which he considers no reasonable objection can be made. An authority to sell would enable them in a few years to get so much ahead of the sectaries that they would no longer be formidable. The plan has obtained the approbation of Maitland and of the Lord Bishop of Quebec and does not depend for its success on the formation of such a company as Galt projects, the price obtainable from the latter being much below what would be gradually obtained in the province.

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Downing
Street.

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May 24,
London.

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May 25,
London.

Strachan to Hillier. Had been called upon to draw up a general statement of the revenue and expenditure of Upper Canada; encloses copy of the statements (1 and 2) he made and the remarks accompanying it. Changes have been made which have reduced the expense. Number 3 shows the present revenue and expenditure. The financial embarrassments of Upper Canada have arisen from the difficulties with Lower Canada, as if the part of the revenue collected at Quebec had been paid over, the rest, with the addition of that from the Imperial parliament would have been equal to the expenditure. The errors of calculation made by Major Moody, in estimating the liabilities of Upper Canada. Until the reserves become available trusts that Upper Canada will be indulged with the annual vote of the Imperial parliament. 462

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May 26,
London.

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London.

Strachan to Wilmot Horton. Left on the 25th at the Colonial Office two packets which he had probably not yet seen. One enclosing statements of the revenue of Upper Canada for 1819 and 1823, showing the state of the finances, which Major Moody does not seem to understand. The other contained observations on a general union of all the British North American provinces. The importance of the subjects. Asks for an interview on the subject of the union of the Canadas. 473